

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-14 (Canceled).

Please add following new claims 15-20.

15. (Currently Amended) A leash comprising:

an elongate strap having a first end and a second end, with the first end having a collar connector for connection to an animal collar, and the second end having a container connector for connection to a container;

the container, with the container being constructed from a substantially flexible material and having a substantially triangular shape, and with the container further including

a strap connector provided at or adjacent to an apex of the triangular shape for connection to the container connector, and ~~the container including~~

a leash handle at an opposite side of the triangular shape substantially opposite the apex, the leash handle being disposed substantially parallel to the opposite side and being adapted to be grasped by the hand of ~~the a user;~~ and ~~wherein the leash includes~~

a slideable connector slideably disposed on ~~mounted about the elongated~~ strap so as to be capable of moving along the elongated strap, the slideable connector being adapted to engage with the container connector at the second end of the elongated strap to allow the leash to be attached about a fixed object without the container or handle being attached to the leash.

16. (Currently Amended) A leash as recited ~~claimed~~ in claim 15, wherein the leash further includes ~~including~~ a collar having a strap connector adapted to engage the collar connector.

17. (Currently Amended) A leash as recited ~~claimed~~ in claim 16, wherein the collar includes a fastening loop for attaching one or more of: a registration tag; an identification tag; a light emitting device.

18. (Currently Amended) A leash as recited ~~claimed~~ in claim 17, wherein the collar includes a collar fastening means for fastening the collar about the animal, the fastening means being disposed ~~provided~~ substantially adjacent to the fastening loop.

19. (Currently Amended) A leash as recited ~~elaimed~~ in claim 17, wherein the collar strap connector includes being ~~is~~ fixedly mounted on the collar in a location substantially opposite the fastening loop.

20. (Currently Amended) A leash as recited ~~elaimed~~ in claim 18, wherein the collar strap connector is fixedly mounted on the collar in a location substantially opposite the fastening means.